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1. The Iron Guard in Argentina is presently conducting an elaborate propaganda campaign among Rumanians in that country which is designed to portray the Guard as the only group actively interested in and able to take action toward the liberation of Rumania from the Communists. At the same time the Iron Guard attacks and attempts to defame all non-Guardist elements abroad.
2. Guardists generally control the admittance of Rumanian immigrants to Argentina. Many Rumanians wishing to emigrate to that country from Europe manufacture for themselves documents showing membership in or sympathy for the Iron Guard or seek the support of leading Guardists in Buenos Aires.
3. The Iron Guard has perfected arrangements to handle members and sympathizers among the immigrants. Such persons are met at the boat, guided through customs, given temporary housing, furnished financial aid and placed in jobs furnished by friends of the movement.
4. Immigrants are generally housed in the Queen Marie home, an institution sponsored by Archduchess Ileana. Although supported by non-political donations, this institution is known in Europe as "the Legionnaire home in Argentina."
5. The Guardists publish the newspapers Romania and Curentul Roman, which are issued when funds are available. Romania generally encourages collaboration among all Rumanians, but Curentul Roman, which is published for the rank and file of the legionnaires, is violent in tone and attacks emigre leaders who are not members of the Iron Guard.
6. A majority of the Iron Guardists in Argentina, the so-called "shock men" or rank and file, is composed of individuals who sought refuge in Germany after the failure of the Iron Guard rebellion in January 1941. They passed the years between their flight from Rumania and their immigration to Argentina in German and then in Allied camps. Many have changed their names and have assumed titles, such as doctor and professor, to which they have no right. Those who have been in contact with United States and British occupation forces spread propaganda hostile to these nations.

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